

UTEP MINERS FOOTBALL

UTEP vs. WKU | 7 p.m. MT | Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023 | Sun Bowl Stadium (45,971) | El Paso, Texas

POSTGAME NOTES

GAME NOTES

FINAL: UTEP 13, WKU 21

- Announced attendance was 11,111.

QUICK HITS

- UTEP held WKU to 280 yards of total offense, the second-lowest sum by an opponent this year. Jax State finished with 275 yards in the opener on Aug. 26.
- The Miners carried a 3-0 advantage into the locker room, marking the second time this season that they've led through 30 minutes of action.
- The Miners had a significant advantage against the Hilltoppers for first downs (19-11) and total offense (368-280).
- UTEP was hit for only 35 penalty yards, its second-lowest total on the year behind 30 yards at FIU on Oct. 11.

OFFENSE

- QB **Cade McConnell** connected on a touchdown pass for the second straight game and the third time in his four starts.
- McConnell hooked up with WR **Kelly Akharaiyi** on a 62-yard TD. It marked the second TD pass to Akharaiyi by McConnell of at least 60 yards. The duo teamed up for an 80-yard score at FIU on Oct. 11.
- WR **Kelly Akharaiyi** tallied 141 receiving yards and a touchdown. It was Akharaiyi's fourth 100-yard performance of the season and first time ever going back-to-back 100-yard receiving games.
- Akharaiyi is the first Miner to hit back-to-back 100-yard receiving games since WR **Jacob Cowing** in 2021.
- RB **Torrance Burgess Jr.** led the Miners with 86 yards on the ground.
- TE **Marcus Vinson** registered a 29-yard catch, the longest reception of his career.

DEFENSE

- UTEP kept CUSA's leading passer (Austin Reed, 264.7 yards per game) to just 102 passing yards on just 11 completions out of 20 attempts.
- WKU's Malachi Corley, who ranks second in CUSA in receiving yards per game (82.1), was limited to four catches for 10 total yards.
- DE **Kanious Vaughn** tallied his sixth sack of the season during the first quarter.
- S **Oscar Moore** intercepted his first career pass during the second quarter.
- LB **Tyrice Knight** tallied 14 tackles. Knight now has 18 double-digit tackle performances during his career, including seven in 2023.

SPECIAL TEAMS

- K **Buzz Flabiano's** drilled two more field goals. He has now made five straight field goals to improve to 9-13 on the season.